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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 27, 2002, in which all the pending claims 1, 3-10 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C §102(e) as being anticipated by Rogers (U.S. Patent No. 5,946,386). The applicants respectfully traverse the rejections based on the following detailed explanation.

The present invention teaches and claims a novel telephony technique which is applicable to various telephony environments such as PBXs, data network gatekeepers, PSTN switches, etc. In particular, as defined in independent claims 1 and 8, a computer telephony server is disclosed which comprises a translation layer for translating messages from the standardized message structure set to the message structure set of at least said selected one environment, the translation layer applied between a computer telephony application with a common standardized message